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1. IN LAST OF SERIES ON VN, NYT'S SHIPLER WRITES OF "CORROSIVE SUSPICION" LEGACY OF FRATRICIDAL WAR THAT MAKES GVN SEE ALL DISSENTERS AS FOES, ALL FOES AS
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"REDS." CHIEF INSTRUMENT AND "REPOSITORY" OF

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SUSPICION IS POLICE APPARATUS. QUOTES HIGH-RANKING POLICE OFFICER THAT COMMUNISTS SCHEME TO GET ONE FAMILY MEMBER ON THEIR SIDE, THEN WOO OTHERS OVER ONE BY ONE; THAT STUDENTS VERY VULNERABLE AND COMMUNISTS PENETRATE RANKS OF DISSIDENTS AND EVEN POLICE, WHO HAVE TO WATCH OWN MEN CAREFULLY. THIEU CALLS "THIRD FORCE...ONLY A BUNCH OF TRAITORS...AND HENCHMEN OF COMMUNISTS..." SHIPLER SAYS MANY FORMER PRISONERS BELIEVE THIEU'S VIEWS ARE GENUINE, NOT MANUFACTURED TO EXCUSE ARRESTS. TELLS STORIES OF ARRESTS AND IMPRISON-MENT BECAUSE OF DEFECTION TO VC OR ANTI-WAR ACTIVITY BY RELATIVES. IN PRISONS, "OBSESSION" OF DEFINING INMATES AS PRO-GVN OR PRO-VC FOCUSSES ON SYMBOL: WILLINGNESS TO SALUTE SVN FLAG. REFUSAL RESULTS IN PUNISHMENT BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO ONE OFFICIAL, "IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO SALUTE THE FLAG...YOU MUST BE A COMMUNIST." SOME SOUTH VIETS SEE SELF-FULFILLING PROPHECY IN

GVN COMPULSION TO LABEL OPPONENTS AS COMMUNISTS, SINCE REPRESSIVE MEASURES DRIVE INNOCENTS INTO VC CAMP. SHIPLER OBSERVES THAT GVN DOES NOT SEEM PERTURBED IF PEOPLE GO PHYSICALLY OVER TO COMMUNISTS, SINCE DURING PRISONER EXCHANGES IT SENT SEVERAL WHO DENIED THEY WERE COMMUNISTS, AND OFFERED TO LET OTHERS STAY IN GVN AREAS ONLY IF THEY WENT THROUGH "OPEN ARMS" PROGRAM.

SHIPLER SAYS SKILLFUL POLICE ACTION SHARPLY CURTAILS POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN GVN AREAS WHERE LEADERS OF DISSENT ARE ARRESTED, OR, IF ARREST IS LIKELY TO PROVOKE TROUBLE, ISOLATED BY ARRESTING SUBORDINATES, FORBIDDING MEETINGS, KEEPING CANDIDATES OFF BALLOTS, OR PHOTOGRAPHING VISITORS. WRITERS IN DISFAVOR RARELY FIND PUBLISHERS AND STUDENT RANKS ARE INFILTRATED BY POLICE AGENTS. MANY GVN OPPONENTS THINK THAT WITHOUT POLICE THIEU WOULD FALL, BUT SHIPLER SEES OTHER FACTORS THAT KEEP HIM IN POWER: UNENDING WAR THAT POLARIZES POPULATION, UNWILLINGNESS OF MANY OPPONENTS TO WEAKEN NON-COMMUNIST SIDE, CONTROL OF ELECTION PROCESS AND PRESS, ABSENCE OF STRONG PUBLIC FIGURE
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TO POSE ALTERNATIVE, DIFFICULTY OF ORGANIZING POLITICAL PARTY. POINTS OUT THAT MANY THIEU CRITICS "LAPSE INTO EMBARRASSED SILENCE" WHEN ASKED TO NAME ALTERNATIVE, THAT NO WAY EXISTS TO ASSESS DISSIDENTS' ASSUMPTION THAT THIEU IS UNPOPULAR, AND NO GUARANTEE THAT CHANGE WOULD BRING POLITICAL FREEDOM. SAYS COMMUNISTS AND DISSIDENTS WOULD NOT SURPRISE MANY VIETS IF, AFTER GAINING POWER, THEY "MERELY PUT DIFFERENT PEOPLE IN JAIL."

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2. NYT ARTICLE DATELINED SAIGON TELLS OF PRISONER SENT TO CON SON, REVIEWS "TIGER CAGE" SCANDAL OF 1970, AND QUOTES REPORTS THAT TIGER CAGES ABANDONED OR DEMOLISHED. PRISONERS SAY THAT "BUFFALO CAGES" NOW USED ARE FORMER STABLES WHERE PRISONERS ARE JAMMED AND SHACKLED, WITH COMMON CRIMINALS AS GUARDS. ARTICLE POINTS OUT THAT DESPITE THIEU PLEDGE OF YEAR AGO ON US TV, NEWSMEN NOT ALLOWED TO VISIT CON SON AND SEVERAL SCHEDULED TRIPS HAVE BEEN ABANDONED. RECOUNTS FORMER PRISONERS' DESCRIPTION OF "GRUESOME" CONDITIONS IN OTHER, LESS WELL-KNOWN PRISONS.

3. ISAACS (SUN) FROM SAIGON DESCRIBES ECON WOES OF SVN: LIVING COSTS SKYROCKET, ALMOST ONE MILLION UNEMPLOYED, AND LIVING STANDARDS FALLING. MANY UNEMPLOYED WERE FORMERLY SUPPORTED BY US PRESENCE. GVN OFFICIALS HOPE FOR INCREASE IN US AID BUT AWARE THAT CAUSE IS UNPOPULAR IN CONGRESS, ARGUE THAT IF

AID INCREASED NOW IT CAN BE ENDED SOONER. ISAACS SEES HOPE OF PLANNING MINISTER FOR POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE AS SOMEWHAT UNREAL SINCE WAR RAGES ON. POINTS OUT THAT OFFICIALS SPEAK IN SUCH TERMS SINCE THEY MIGHT "SOUND MORE PALATABLE" TO US LEGISLATORS THAN SUPPORT FOR CONTINUING WAR. SPOKESMEN FOR CIVILIAN ECONOMY DON'T WANT TO FRIGHTEN AWAY POTENTIAL INVESTORS, SO SOMETIMES SOUND LIKE THEY ARE "FROM A DIFFERENT COUNTRY" THAN MIL OFFICERS WHO WORRY ABOUT CUTS IN MIL AID AND STRESS ONGOING WARFARE. UNREAL AIR PERVADES PROJECTED TIMETABLE FOR SVN SELF-SUFFICIENCY, AND ECONOMISTS IN USAID PREDICT ECON AID PHASE-OUT AFTER 1980 (BUT CHARTS DO NOT MENTION MIL AID). UNCLASSIFIED



ONE AMERICAN SAYS THAT PROJECTIONS ARE MORE EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

ISAACS CITES HIGHLY OPTIMISTIC ASSUMPTIONS OF PRO-JECTIONS THAT SHOW SIXFOLD INCREASE IN EXPORTS BY 1980, NINEFOLD INCREASE IN AID FROM NON-US SOURCES, AND US AID AT REQUESTED 750 MILLION DOL LEVEL FOR THIS YEAR AND NEXT. ECON CRISIS IS REALLY TWO CRISES: INTERNATIONAL BECAUSE OF RISING COSTS OF IMPORTS; AND DOMESTIC INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT AND ECON SLOWDOWN. GVN MAKES SOME PROGRESS IN EXPORT FIELD WITH PROMOTION OF SEAFOOD, RUBBER, LUMBER AND SCRAP METAL, BUT TOTALS STILL LOW AND FUTURE GROWTH QUESTIONABLE. OIL EXPLORATION RIGHTS BRING IN WINDFALL, BUT FINDS WILL PRODUCE NO REVENUE FOR AT LEAST FOUR YEARS EVEN IF

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MADE. ISAACS ATTRIBUTES LOW FOREIGN AID AND INVESTMENT LEVELS TO FAILURE OF C-F.

4. WP'S MCCOMBS FROM AREA 16 MILES NORTH OF SAIGON DESCRIBES HEAVY FIGHTING THAT BRINGS NVA TANKS CLOSEST-EVER TO CAPITAL, SAYS ATTACK BEGAN THREE MONTHS AGO AND ARVN HAVING INCREASING DIFFICULTY CONTAINING IT. POINTS OUT THAT THIS FIGHTING IS ONLY PART OF MOST INTENSE SVN-WIDE COMBAT SINCE C-F, WITH HEAVY ACTION IN DANANG AREA AND INTENSE FIGHTING IN QUANGNGAI. SAYS SAIGON OFFICIALS SPECULATE THAT COMMUNISTS MAY TRY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TRANSITION IN WASHINGTON TO MAKE MIL GAINS, AND OF CONGRESSIONAL CUTBACKS IN MIL AID. QUOTES "WELL-INFORMED" SOURCES THAT GVN CASUALTY RATES RISE ALMOST IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF ARTILLERY SHELLS AND BOMBS. CITES IMPROVEMENTS IN OTHER SIDE'S TECHNOLOGY AS ANOTHER FACTOR IN AFFECTING GVN'S TACTICS AND LIMITING ITS EFFECTIVENESS, INCLUDING WIDESPREAD NVA USE OF TANKS AND STRELA MISSILES, SPEEDY SUPPLY SYSTEM. REPEATS GVN ASSERTIONS THAT FIGHTING DOES NOT DIRECTLY

THREATEN SAIGON, BUT QUOTES OBSERVERS THAT NVA CONTINUE TO PUSH SOUTH, AND PERSISTENCE AND STRENGTH WORRY GVN.

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5. HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUES IN SEVERAL PARTS OF SVN (CHITRIB). SAIGON COMMAND CONFIRMS FALL OF MINH LONG DISTRICT TOWN IN QUANG NGAI (REUTER, NYT; CHITRIB).

6. OPIC RESUMES INVESTMENT AND LOAN GUARANTEES ON LIMITED BASIS FOR US FIRMS IN SVN AND LAOS. PROGRAMS SUSPENDED DURING WAR BUT CONGRESS AUTHORIZED "PRUDENT" RESUMPTION PROVIDED THAT IT IS CONSULTED ON OPIC INDOCHINA PLANS ACTIVITIES. INSURANCE LIMITED TO 5 MILLION DOLS PER PROJECT TO COVER 80-90 PERCENT OF INVESTOR'S PARTICIPATION (JOC).

7. MCCOMBS (WP) FROM OUDONG DESCRIBES SMASHED FORMER ROYAL CAPITAL, CONTRASTS IT TO PP WHERE STILL POSSIBLE TO LIVE PLEASANTLY. DEVASTATION REMINDS HIM HOW ANCIENT CAMBODIAN SPLENDOR IS BEING GROUND INTO DUST AND LOST FOREVER BY WAR. FIRING STILL CLOSE, RUBBLE COVERS HUNDREDS OF BODIES KILLED MAINLY BY INSURGENT SHELLING. REBELS BLEW UP "DOZENS" OF PAGODAS; FEW BUILDINGS REMAIN STANDING AND INSURGENTS STILL INFILTRATE OUDONG AT NIGHT TO HIT FANK. ROUTE 5 TO PP OPEN BUT ENEMY REPORTEDLY MOVES

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TO CUT IT AGAIN. ROAD TO PP LITTLE USED EXCEPT
NEAR CAPITAL AND NO STRUCTURES REMAIN STANDING.
DRIVERS MOVE "VERY FAST" BECAUSE VEHICLES SOMETIMES
DRAW FIRE.

KOREA

8. REUTER SEOUL REPORTS PARK ACCEPTED RESIGNATIONS OF
HIS HOME MINISTER AND PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY CHIEF
TUESDAY. ROK SPOKESMAN SAYS PARK KYUNG-WON,
SECRETARY GENERAL OF ELECTORAL COLLEGE, NAMED HOME
MINISTER. PRES TURNED DOWN RESIGNATIONS OF PM AND
REST OF CABINET WHO, ACCORDING AP (SEOUL, WP),
HAD SUBMITTED RESIGNATIONS IN APPARENT GESTURE TO
ASSUME OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LAST WEEK'S
ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST PARK.

9. CHITRIB'S KIRK, IN SEOUL, SUGGESTS PARK'S ABSENCE
FROM BOTH FUNERAL AND BURIAL OF HIS WIFE MONDAY
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REFLECTS "DEEP FEAR HERE OF ANOTHER ATTEMPT ON HIS
LIFE." WP'S OBERDORFER NOTES PARK'S NON-ATTENDANCE
WAS IN KEEPING WITH KOREAN CUSTOM, BUT SAYS MANY
KOREANS UNAWARE OF SUCH CUSTOM, AND INFORMED SOURCES
SAW SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS KEEPING PARK AWAY.
KIRK NOTES SK OFFICIALS, POLITICIANS AND RELIGIOUS
FIGURES USED FORUM OF FUNERAL SERVICE TO CALL FOR
NATIONAL UNITY AGAINST WHAT KIM JONG PIL TERMED
"THIS COMMUNIST MACHINATION DIRECTED AGAINST US";
AND ALL REMARKS "SEEMED TO FIT IN WITH" GOVT'S
DESIRE TO RALLY POPULAR SUPPORT "WHILE SUPPRESSING
ANY SIGNS OF SERIOUS POLITICAL DISSENT." OBERDORFER
FOUND OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SK-CONTROLLED PRESS
CONTINUING TO HAMMER HOME ANTI-COMMUNIST THEME
FOLLOWING MRS. PARK'S SLAYING. ADDS THAT FUNERAL
WAS NOTABLE FOR PARTICIPATION OF WIDE SPECTRUM OF
SK LEADERS.

10. HALLORAN (NYT), IN SEOUL, REPORTS ROKG "EVIDENTLY
TRIED" TO ENLIST SUPPORT OF ROMAN CATHOLICS AND
PROTESTANTS BY INVITING STEPHEN CARDINAL KIM AND
REV. NAN KYONG JIK TO JOIN BUDDHIST MONKS IN SERVICE
FOR MRS. PARK. NOTES US WAS REPRESENTED AT FUNERAL
BY AMBASSADOR HABIB, AND SAYS TANAKA'S TRIP WAS VIEWED
AS EFFORT TO IMPROVE SK-JAPAN RELATIONS.

11. OBERDORFER FINDS "STRONG ANTI-JAPANESE ASPECT" IN SK
"INCREASINGLY EVIDENT IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY SUCH
PROMINENT CITIZENS" AS KOREA BAR ASSN. PRES, AND

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DIRECTOR OF WRITERS AND POETS ASSN. IN TOKYO,
CSM'S POND PREDICTS ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT WILL FURTHER
COMPLICATE JAPANESE-KOREAN RELATIONS. SAYS GOJ
FEARS SK NOW WILL USE IT TO JUSTIFY REFUSAL TO LET
KIM TAE CHUNG LEAVE COUNTRY, AND THAT SEOUL MAY
"EMBROIL" IN ASSASSINATION CASE THE CASE OF TWO
JAPANESE RECENTLY JAILED FOR ALLEGEDLY HELPING
ANTI-ROKG STUDENTS.

CHINA

12. FROM BUCHAREST, RAZIA ISMAIL (CSM) REPORTS PRC
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LOSING LAST-MINUTE BID TO WITHHOLD POPULATION DATA
FROM DELIBERATIONS AND DOCUMENTS OF UN WORLD
POPULATION CONFERENCE. PRC REQUEST TO DELETE ALL
REFERENCES TO SIZE OF CHINESE POPULATION FROM
CONFERENCE AND UN DOCUMENTATION TURNED DOWN; BUT TWO
MAJOR DOCUMENTS WILL BE SCRAPPED AT PRC REQUEST.
PRC DATA AMASSED BY UN WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE
TO CONFERENCE OFFICIALS IN DOCUMENTS ALREADY PRINTED
FOR CIRCULATION AND CONSIDERATION. BUT TWO SPECIAL
UN REPORTS COMPILED AFTER UN TOUR OF CHINA HAVE BEEN

SCRAPPED. ONE WAS 64-PAGE ASSESSMENT OF CHINESE
POPULATION GROWTH AND POLICY. PRC UNDERSTOOD TO
PREFER PUBLISHING POPULATION DATA ITSELF. ACCORDING
UN SOURCES, CHINA FEELS OUTSIDE REPORTS TEND TO
NEGLECT THE CONTEXT OF THE COUNTRY'S HISTORY,
PARTICULARLY THE REVOLUTION. ONE EXPLANATION WAS
PROVIDED BY AUTHOR HAN SU-YIN, WHO DECLARED THAT CHINA
CAN FEED EVEN DOUBLE ITS PRESENT POPULATION BECAUSE
ITS SOCIO-ECON SYSTEM ALLOWS FOR VAST EXPANSION OF
PRODUCTION.

13. AP TOKYO (NYT) CITES NCNA SAYING THAT INTERNATIONAL
AMATEUR SWIMMING FEDERATION (FINA) DECISION TO BAR
PRC SWIMMERS FROM UPCOMING ASIAN GAMES IN TEHERAN
"CONSTITUTES AN OPEN HOSTILITY TOWARD THE CHINESE
PEOPLE AND SPORTSMEN, AND AN INTERFERENCE IN ASIAN
AFFAIRS."

14. REUTER HK (CSM) REPORTS THAT 10 CHINESE REFUGEES
HAVE LANDED IN BCC ON BOARD FISHING JUNK THEY SEIZED
AT SEA, ACCORDING POLICE. REFUGEES LANDED IN VILLAGE
SE OF COLONY, RELEASED OWNER AND FLED.

15. AP TOKYO (NYT) CITES NCNA SAYING YESTERDAY THAT PRC
WILL ANNOUNCE HER FOREX RATES STARTING MONDAY.

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16. REUTER PEKING QUOTES PEOPLE'S DAILY THAT SHANGHAI HOUSEWIVES ARE USING DISH-SHAPED REFLECTORS FOR CATCHING SUN'S RAYS TO BOIL LUNCHTIME RICE. ONE THOUSAND SOLAR-ENERGY STOVES HAVE BEEN TRIAL-PRODUCED
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BY SHANGHAI FACTORY AND HAVE HAD "FAIRLY GOOD RESULTS."

17. JSDA ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF COL. MIZUHO YOSHIHARA AS JAPAN'S FIRST MIL ATTACHE TO SERVE IN PEKING SINCE WWII. YOSHIHARA'S FORMAL APPOINTMENT DUE ON AUG. 20, ACCORDING JSDA. PRC AND JAPAN AGREED IN JULY TO EXCHANGE MIL ATTACHES (REUTER TOKYO).

18. REUTER HK (SUN) CITES NCNA YESTERDAY ANNOUNCING DISCOVERY OF MANUSCRIPTS IN HAN DYNASTY TOMBS IN CENTRAL CHINA. GLOBE AND MAIL REPORT FROM PEKING (NYT) REFERS TO THIS AND OTHER ARCHEOLOGICAL FINDS IN MORE DETAIL ON BASIS PEOPLE'S DAILY ANNOUNCEMENT.

19. CSM FEATURES AP WASHINGTON STORY ABOUT GROC STRENGTHENING ITS CONSULATES IN US. NOTES THAT TAIWAN CONSULATES NOW NUMBER 14 IN US (11) AND ITS TERRITORIES (3). LATEST ADDITION WAS CONGEN IN KANSAS CITY, WHICH OPENED IN MAY, AND ONE-MAN CONSULATE IN PORTLAND HAS BEEN EXPANDED INTO FULL CONSULATE. HINTS DROPPED BY PRCLO THAT SUCH MOVES HARDLY ARE IN SPIRIT OF SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. GROC DIPLOMATS IN WASHINGTON SAY INCREASE IN CONSULATES IS DUE MAINLY TO EXPANDING TRADE ACTIVITIES IN THIS COUNTRY AND DOES NOT HAVE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE. WHEN ASKED IF HIS GOVT AWARE OF PEKING COMPLAINTS OVER CONSULATE ACTIVITIES, GROC DIPLOMAT SHRUGGED OFF QUESTION BY ASKING: "HOW MANY AMERICAN CONSULATES ATE THERE ON THE CHINESE MAINLAND?"

20. AP WILLIAMSPORT (NYDN, NYT) REPORTS TAIWAN LITTLE LEAGUE ENTERING 28TH LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES, WHICH BEGINS TUESDAY, AS HEAVY FAVORITE SEEKING FOURTH CONSECUTIVE WIN.

JAPAN

21. USN COURT MARTIAL IN TOKYO GIVES BAD-CONDUCT DISCHARGE TO SEAMAN FOR FAILURE TO RETURN TO CARRIER MIDWAY. JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS REPORT SEAMAN TESTIFIED THAT HE REFUSED TO RETURN BECAUSE MIDWAY CARRIED
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NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO JAPAN. NAVY DECLINED COMMENT
ON TESTIMONY (UPI, PHINQ).

22. JAPAN MINING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES
TEAM OF SPECIALISTS WILL VISIT AFRICA THIS AUG TO
SURVEY URANIUM DEVELOPMENT THERE (AFP, WP).

23. CHITRIB'S KIRK DISCUSSES NEAR DISAPPEARANCE OF AINU.
INTERBREEDING ON INCREASE AND DISCRIMINATION ON
DECLINE SINCE WW-II BUT AINU LAG BEHIND EDUCATIONALLY;
MOST WORK AS COMMON LABORERS.

AUSTRALIA

24. CSM'S TOOHEY REPORTS CABINET HOLDING BUDGET TALKS IN
ECONOMIC CLIMATE REGARDED AS WORST IN DECADE, WITH
RAPIDLY ACCELERATING WAGE INFLATION. GOVT ADMITS
ANNUAL RISE IN CONSUMER-PRICE INDEX COULD TOP 20
PERCENT. ALP HAS REJECTED TRADITIONAL APPROACH OF

STRONG BUDGET SURPLUS FOR FEAR IT COULD TRIGGER UN-
POPULAR RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT.

25. JOC'S STOVE PREDICTS INFLOW OF LONG-TERM INVESTMENT
CAPITAL WILL INCREASE AND PRESSURE TO DEVALUE WILL
DECREASE AS RESULT OF GOA DECISION TO LOWER BARRIERS
TO FOREIGN CAPITAL BY REDUCING VARIABLE DEPOSIT
REQUIREMENT FROM 25 TO 5 PERCENT FOR LOANS OF 2 YEARS
OR MORE.

THAILAND

26. COMMODITY NEWS SERVICE QUOTES FAS REPORT THAT THAILAND
GAINING STATUS IN PRODUCTION AND TRADE IN CORN
WHICH IS NOW THIRD LARGEST FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNER,
SURPASSED ONLY BY RICE AND RUBBER; SOME BELIEVE IT
COULD OVERTAKE RICE IF PRODUCTION METHODS IMPROVED.
JAPAN AND TAIWAN MAJOR CUSTOMERS (JOC).

SINGAPORE



27. REUTER SINGAPORE REPORTS BILL BEFORE PARLIAMENT
THREATENS NEWSMEN WITH PRISON TERMS UP TO 2 YEARS
OR HEAVY FINES FOR WRITING MATERIAL CONSIDERED

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BIASED, OR FOR FAILURE TO DISCLOSE FOREIGN PAYMENTS
FOR PUBLISHING NEWS ITEMS.

PHILIPPINES

28. REUTER MANILA REPORTS FILM TEAM TO MAKE MOVIE ON
LIFE OF MACARTHUR RECEIVED BY MARCOS. MOST OF
FILM TO BE SHOT IN PHILIPPINES.

GENERAL

30. FLOODS SPAWNED BY UNUSUALLY HEAVY MONSOON RAINS
RAVAGED SEVERAL ASIAN COUNTRIES. US AND PHILIPPINE
MILITARY HELICOPTERS JOINED IN MASSIVE RELIEF
OPERATION IN CENTRAL LUZON (UPI, NYT; REUTER MANILA).
IN THAILAND, THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF FARMLAND HAVE BEEN
INUNDATED (UPI, JOC). MEANWHILE, REUTER BANGKOK
REPORTS WIDESPREAD FLOODING OF IRRAWADDY IN BURMA
HAS LEFT MORE THAN HALF MILLION HOMELESS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

GENERAL

31. RONALD STEEL (NYT) SAYS PRES. FORD SHOULD RESIST

UNDERSTANDABLE TEMPTATION TO LEAVE FOREIGN AFFAIRS
TO HAK. STEEL ACKNOWLEDGES SECRETARY'S ABILITIES,
BUT THINKS HAK IS INDIFFERENT TO IDEOLOGY, OBSESSED
WITH SECRECY, AND MESMERIZED BY GAME OF POWER
POLITICS - LEADING HIM TO NUMBER OF CURIOUS
ADVENTURES IN REALPOLITIK, MOST LATELY REVEALED
IN CYPRUS. IN NAME OF REALISM, AS THOUGH A NATION'S
VALUES COULD BE DETACHED FROM ITS FOREIGN POLICY,
US PROVIDED FINANCIAL AND MIL AID TO DICTATORSHIPS
IN SK AND SVN, AMONG OTHERS. SAYS NOTION THAT
THE ENDS JUSTIFY THE MEANS WAS ESSENCE OF WATERGATE.
IN TRYING TO LEAVE BEHIND WATERGATE'S CORRUPTION, WE
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WILL HAVE LEARNED LITTLE IF WE DISMISS FROM FOREIGN
AFFAIRS THE MORAL VALUES THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVING
SUCH HEADY REAFFIRMATION THESE LAST DAYS. FOREIGN
POLICY IS NOT MERELY METHOD OF MANIPULATION; NOR
IS IT WAGING WAR BY OTHER MEANS. IT IS THE EXPRESSION
OF A NATION'S VALUES.

32. FOREIGN AFFAIRS CANNOT BE LEFT TO HAK TO ORCHESTRATE
AS HE SEES FIT. HIS SUCCESSES, WHILE IMPRESSIVE,
ARE NONETHELESS TENUOUS. LINK WITH PRC DEPENDS

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ON PEKING'S QUARREL WITH MOSCOW; DETENTE WITH KREMLIN, WHILE DESIRABLE, SO FAR INVOLVES MOSTLY US MONEY FOR RUSSIAN PROMISES. AND IN VN, WAR GOES ON. RELATIONS WITH JAPAN, COMPOUNDED BY NEGLECT AND EVEN CONTEMPT, ARE AT CRITICAL POINT. STEEL VIEWS HAK'S SKILL AS THAT OF NEGOTIATOR, NOT INNOVATOR. WITH NIXON GONE, HIS GAME OF REALPOLITIK, WITH EMPHASIS ON EXPEDIENCY AND FLASHY DEALS, MAY PROVE TO BE NEITHER VERY REALISTIC NOR LONG-LIVED. CONCLUDES THAT PRES. FORD WOULD BE MISTAKEN IF HE ASSUMES THAT PRESENT FOREIGN POLICY CONSENSUS WILL HOLD UP AND EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT IF HE JUST LEAVES IT TO HENRY. INGERSOLL

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